

ORGANIZE TO FIGHT FIRE-ESCAPE LAW

Owners, Builders, and Architects Hold Meeting.

AIM TO SECURE ITS REPEAL

Ordinance Denounced as an Injustice to Owners of Known Fireproof Structures.

Active measures to oppose the enforcement of the recently enacted fire-escape law have been determined upon by more than fifty representative owners of fireproof buildings, backed by builders and architects, who are determined, if possible, to secure its amendment or repeal. A definite organization was formed at a meeting of these interested parties in the office of Architect T. F. Schneider, and a committee consisting of Mr. Schneider, John L. Weaver, and Edgar S. Kennedy was appointed to shape further plans.

Likely to Work Hardship.

Present at this meeting were Lester A. Barr, Francis H. Duehay, H. L. Rust, Emmons S. Smith, E. O. Vagenhorst, John L. Weaver, E. S. Kennedy, T. F. Schneider, and A. M. McLaughlin, all of whom expressed themselves as convinced that the new law is far too drastic and likely to work hardship if its general enforcement is insisted upon.

In this respect, Edgar S. Kennedy, of the firm of Kennedy & Davis, was particularly outspoken in stating today that the new law, as it concerns the erection of fire-escapes on fireproof structures, is wholly ill advised.

"I see absolutely no reason for such a law," said Mr. Kennedy. "To erect a fire-escape upon a building of known fireproof construction is not only of doubtful value, but in many respects a positive danger. Builders generally build that fire on the inside of a fireproof building is not likely to gain sufficient headway to cut off escape, while from the outside it cannot consume a building before the occupants gain the street. The I think, was demonstrated at the Baltimore fire."

Not in Force Elsewhere.

"An investigation by the committee of fire-escape legislation enforced in other cities shows that no such law as this passed by Congress has been thought necessary to insure life. Fireproof buildings have been excluded in every municipal investigation."

Mr. Kennedy stated that another meeting of business men will be held in a few days to determine upon what will be advisable in seeking to have the law amended.

ELEVENTH STREET HEARING CONTINUED

The Eleventh street hearing assessment jury which has been hearing evidence for about ten days, met at the City Hall this afternoon and listened to other witnesses for the District.

Allen W. Mallory and Patrick J. Walsh, local realty experts, were on hand to testify for the Government. Their opinions as to the benefits which accrue to Columbia Heights property in consequence of the extension of Eleventh street from Florida to Lydecker avenue, will be given after the cross-examination of Thomas W. Smith, who testified for the District last Friday, is concluded.

The attorneys for the property owners were unable to finish cross-examining Mr. Smith Friday owing to the fact that the witness had to leave at 4 o'clock to keep another engagement.

Special counsel for the District, A. Leitch Sinclair, stated that he expected to close the Government's case before the jury takes an adjournment this afternoon, and that the landowners will begin the presentation of their evidence tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

COL. CHRISTY SUFFERS PARALYTIC STROKE

Col. Robert Christy, lawyer and linguist, is seriously ill at his apartment in the Carrollton flats. Colonel Christy suffered a stroke of paralysis on Thursday.

Tomorrow at Benning, the Amateur Cup at three-quarters of a mile on the flat will bring to the first-class gentlemen riders in the country. One of the most interesting races of the season. The Southern Pink Coat Steeplechase and four other first-class events.

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Looking Up Subjects For Jamestown Stamps

Pretty Sure Capt. John Smith and Pocahontas Will Be Pictured in the Exposition Souvenirs.

Having met with the serious opposition of the Secretary of the Treasury in efforts to interest the Government in a scheme to advertise the Jamestown Exposition, to be held in Virginia a year hence, by means of a \$2 silver coin which should net the exposition about 80 cents, the promoters of the exposition are now turning their attention to the production of commemorative stamps.

The question of designs for these stamps is in the hands of the Postoffice Department. Notwithstanding the officials of the stamp division, who have direct charge of the issue of all stamps, have already wrought out about fifty different designs for commemorative series of stamps during the past thirteen years, they admit they are willing to be assisted in the task of producing the Jamestown sketches and have suggested to the promoters of the exposition that they submit ideas or sketches embodying their views.

Several thousand collectors are racking their brains to devise appropriate and striking designs for these two stamps, and already the department is receiving sketches from this quarter.

The first design submitted was a rough illustration of the first church built at Jamestown. It was nothing more nor less than four poles stuck in the ground, over which was stretched the sail of a ship, affording shelter from sun and

rain. Another collector suggests that one of the stamps should depict the ruins of the church, all that now remains to mark the spot where the colonists established the first settlement of Jamestown 299 years ago.

The opinion among collectors and others who are not particularly interested in stamp collecting, seems to be that at least one of the stamps should bear the likeness of Capt. John Smith or the Indian maiden Pocahontas, and it seems to be almost certain that a likeness of one or the other of these historical personages will appear on one of the stamps, and perhaps John Smith will be represented on one and Pocahontas on the other.

It has been suggested that the great picture in oil, which forms one of the band of great paintings encircling the rotunda of the Capitol, depicting Pocahontas holding Capt. John Smith's head in her lap, might be reproduced on one of the Jamestown stamps. From several parties have come proposals to place the portrait of King James I upon one of the stamps, James having chartered the company which discovered Jamestown and settled there, and which gave to the settlement a name in honor of their King.

While there is no precedent for placing the likeness of a King upon an American postage stamp, there is precedent for bestowing such honor on a Queen. The portrait of Isabella having adorned the \$4 denomination of the "Columbian" stamps in 1892; her face having been the first of her sex to appear upon a United States stamp.

Commerce Department CHANGES ANNOUNCED

John P. Rice Appointed to Position in Secretary's Office—Transfers in Lighthouse Service.

Among changes in the personnel of the Department of Commerce and Labor announced today, are:

John P. Rice, of Virginia, appointed carpenter in the office of the Secretary; Frank Diamond, of New York, resigned as keeper Crown Point life station, N. Y.; Joseph DeMeny, of California, resigned as helper at Yerba Buena depot, California; Henry A. Irvine, of Michigan, transferred from first assistant keeper, Devil's Island light station, Wisconsin, to be assistant keeper Superior Pierhead Range light station, Wisconsin; James K. Richards, of Delaware, assistant keeper Fenwick Island light station, Delaware, died; W. D. Lewis, of New York, immigration inspector, transferred from Kingston, Ont. to Blaine, Wash.; Anthony W. Thompson, appointed laborer at Baker Lake, Washington.

KUMA YUMA LEE FALLS FROM CAR

Losing his hold on a car from which he was endeavoring to alight, Kuma Yuma Lee, a Korean, twenty-one years old, of 1839 Minnesota place northwest, fell heavily at Cliffwood and Calvert roads yesterday afternoon. He was removed to the Emergency Hospital. He was able to go to his home unassisted after his injuries were dressed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Walter R. Peters and Jennie L. Gilmore.

Floyd Martin and Cora Pinhard.

Carl S. Robbitt, District of Columbia, and Annie Kanip, Nealsville, N. C.

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GIRL ELOPER WORE SOLDIER'S TOGS

Confessed Sex When Taken to Police Station.

COMRADES HELP HER LOVER

Plans of Runaways Upset When They Were Arrested for Breaking Guard.

ATLANTA, April 8.—A most romantic and unusual elopement was nipped in the bud by Plain Clothes officers Rowan, Rosser, and Bayne, when Mary Gosset, a pretty young woman, and several soldiers were put under arrest.

Mary was completely attired in soldier's togs, and with the exception of her feet, which were encased in patent leather slippers, had the appearance of one of Uncle Sam's "regulars."

Police headquarters had been notified that Walter Ogilvestreet, a private of the Seventeenth Regiment, infantry, had "broken guard," and it was believed he was somewhere in the city. Knowing Mary Gosset was the soldier's sweetheart, the officers at once called at her boarding house on Courtland street.

Escape Cut Off by Officers.

The appearance of policemen on the scene was discovered by persons in the house, and a hasty escape was attempted. The officers were prepared for this and when the party came down the back way they were met by Officer Rowan, who put them under arrest. Not until police station was reached was it known that one of the quartet of soldiers was a woman.

Turnkey Brannan had searched three of the soldiers, and turning to the fourth, remarked:

"You must have enlisted early, boy. Come up and let me search you."

Sex Revealed at Police Station.

The soldier came forward, but leaned over the turnkey and whispered, "I am not a soldier; I'm a woman."

The girl then sobbingly told the officers that she and Ogilvestreet had planned to slip away from Atlanta and go on a tramp over the country. George Kelly, a comrade of her sweetheart, had loaned her his uniform and was preparing to take her to Ogilvestreet's hiding place.

After hearing the case Recorder Broyle levied a fine of \$25.75 on Kelly and \$15.75 on the young woman.

COMES FROM PANAMA TO ATTEND WEDDING

NEW YORK, April 8.—Just to be a matron of honor for her cousin, Mrs. Thomas Eoltz has come all the way from Panama, and she will return soon after the wedding, which is to take place in St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal Church, Ardmore, on April 25.

The bride will be Miss Vera Brace Bowker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Albert Bowker, of Cricket avenue, Ardmore. The bridegroom-to-be is James Courtney Young.

Miss Bowker is one of the acknowledged beauties of the Main Line.

CHICAGO CAR COMPANY LOSES IN TUNNEL CASE

Supreme Court Decides it Must Lower Subway to Clear River Channel.

Justice Marlan's opinion found that there was a reasonable exercise by the city in the ordinance of its power to control bridges, piers and tunnels, and that the company's compulsory obedience of the ordinance would not constitute a taking of property without due process of the law, or violate the company's contractual rights with the city. The Chief Justice and Justices White, McKenna and Brewer dissented.

Since the litigation was commenced, Congress has passed legislation declaring to be nuisances the Van Buren street tunnel and other street railway tunnels interfering with the twenty-one-foot channel in the Chicago river.

BOURKE COCKRAN TALKS ON EVILS OF SOCIALISM

Socialistic principles, their evil effects and their falsity was the subject of the address delivered yesterday afternoon by Representative Bourke Cockran before the Aloysius Club in Gonzaga College Hall.

Declaring that the only test for prosperity is the scale of wages paid to the laborer, Mr. Cockran ridiculed the idea that socialism would improve the condition of the working man, and said the only real improvement the world has ever known has come from the voluntary co-operation of the labor of men.

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NEWS OF GEORGETOWN

Mrs. Elizabeth Thayer Ramsburg Hoag, whose husband died last Monday in New York city, as the result of an attack of typhoid fever, is expected to return to her parents' home on Q street, near Twenty-ninth, in a few days. Six weeks ago, Miss Ramsburg was married to Mr. Hoag at the residence of her aunt, Miss Nourse, in Georgetown. During their honeymoon trip spent in Florida, Mr. Hoag contracted typhoid.

OFF FOR DENVER.

Clifton B. Shoemaker of 256 Wisconsin avenue northwest left last Friday for Denver, Col., where he will stay until the fall. Later he will resume his studies here at the Washington Veterinary College.

LINTHICUM COMMENCEMENT.

Preparations are being made for the annual commencement of Linthicum Institute on O street between Wisconsin avenue and Thirty-first street north-west, which will occur the latter part of May. The elocution class will present two farce comedies at the closing exercises.

REAL ESTATE NEWS.

Louise Staub has sold to William H. Haney two building lots on the east side of Thirty-third street north of Q street northwest, upon which two six-room brick dwellings will be erected. Thomas B. Haney has purchased one

of the Leach houses on the north side of O street, between Thirtieth and Thirty-first.

OFFICE OF TENEBRAE.

The office of the Tenebrae will be sung Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, corner Thirty-sixth and O streets. Music for the services will be under the direction of Prof. George Herbert Wells, organist and choirmaster of the church.

BACK FROM CONFERENCE.

J. H. Chamberlain, of Thirty-fifth street, has returned from Baltimore, where he attended the conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, being delegate from Mt. Tabor M. P. Church, Wisconsin avenue and Thirty-fifth street.

LEAVE FOR COLONIAL BEACH.

Mrs. Mary E. Henry, Miss Sarah Wall, and Richard Schottroff, of 1219 Wisconsin avenue northwest, have gone to Colonial Beach, where they will spend the summer.

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